# LDS Church, Mine Critics To Face Off

Commission to hear dispute on plan to harvest granite

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LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON

— Emerging from a sopping canopy of
maple and oak trees, Sam Klemm tips his
rain-soaked head forward to examine
the steep, rocky slope beneath him.

Klemm assumes he has climbed far above the site where the LDS Church wants to build a road to its granite boulder field. Turns out, he is standing in the road's path.

"I don't know how they're going to do it," says Klemm, referring to the logistics of carving a lane through such rough terrain.

At the same time, there probably is little Klemm's boss, Salt Lake County Commissioner Mary Callaghan, can do about it, he says. The road is temporary, the area will be revegetated, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints owns the property.

But that will not deter critics of the project from making their case Wednesday in an attempt to persuade commissioners to overrule the county Planning Commission and stop the mining project.

Church contractors would rupture rocks that have tumbled onto church property, not blast granite out of the hill-

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Dave Carrier, an opponent of the LDS Church's plan to mine granite from its property in Little Cottonwood Canyon, talks with Deputy County Attorney Mark Shurtleff atop some of the rocks coveted by the church.

side. The most disruptive aspect of the proposal relates to the 860 feet of road needed to reach the granite.

The church wants to haul 11,400 tons of granite from 1.3 miles up Little Cottonwood Canyon to Idaho, where the blocks would be sawed into 1½-inch

slabs to form a stone skin for the church's new assembly building now under construction in downtown Salt Lake City.

This proposal has angered rock climbers and canyon residents who believe the area will be ruined. Besides, critics ar-

gue, the church's plans conflict with county ordinances designed to protect sensitive areas from destructive development. The area of disturbance is too close to residential property and the

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## Scenic Airlines Logs Another Crash — 2 Injured

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cuguic, aic i co. 41 icport said. The new findings for the crash were released by the 388th Fighter Wing. But they were based on a report by the Air Combat Command based at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

The public, 3-inch-thick report includes aircraft maintenance and flight personnel records, photographs of the impact area, weather observations and witness

like a long time, but it isn't something we want to rush."

The engine that eventually failed was used for 505.9 hours. according to Air Force records. During most of that time — 326.6 hours, or 64 percent of the engine's life - it was tested in a maintenance facility. But none of those tests revealed that the engine was improperly built.

"They received higher readings

As a result, the aircraft which cost \$16 million to \$20 million to build — plunged about 20 miles northeast of Wendover and exploded in a fireball.

The pilot, Lt. Col. Jud Kelley of the 388th's 34th Fighter Squadron, escaped serious injury by ejecting over the Utah Test and Training Range, six miles north of Interstate 80.

■ Share information about such problems with other F-16 fighter wings.

Review the process of documenting rebuilt aircraft engines.

In August 1996, catastrophic engine failure caused by an abnormality in a high-pressure turbine disk caused an F-16 fighter crash involving a Hill pilot and jet in Saudi Arabia. The pilot was unhurt and the aircraft was deeach case, the Air Force has pared two separate reports for internal consumption, ar other for public release.

The Jan. 8 crash was the s

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roads are too steep, they insist.

"I don't know of anything that conflicts with the canyon-overlay zone," responds county planner J.D. Johnson. "But there are some aspects of the plan we are not particularly fond of."

Namely, the roads. The steepest section would be built at a 50 percent grade.

The church has modified its plans no fewer than six times in an effort to comply with Johnson's concerns and 16 other conditions attached to the permit by the Planning Commission. Changes include narrowing the proposed roads to 16 feet and 14 feet.

Church officials also have promised to spare the most sacred climbing rocks, and there has been some talk of constructing a public restroom and converting the roads into trails. Those efforts have earned praise from climbers who are trying to make the best out of a bad situation.

"If I could stop this project, I would," says Ted Wilson, former mayor of Salt Lake City and an avid climber. "But you've got to hand it to the church. They have been cooperative throughout this process."

Some climbers are not interested in concessions.

"The reason I appealed [the Planning Commission's approval] was to stop it, not to add provisions to it," says David Carrier. "I would like to see the church view this issue as one of public trust, and I would like to see the County Commission put the public's concerns at a higher level than those of developers."

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agreed to pay \$500,000 to help move three units of the 96th Army Reserve Command to a temporary site - identified Monday as a warehouse near 2000 South and Bangerter Highway until a permanent facility is located. The Utah National Guard will be used to transport equipment and supplies to the site and to condent Clinton surprised most everyone involved by using his lineitem veto power to kill a \$12.7 million congressional appropriation to move the Army Reserve

Congress overrode the veto by Clinton, who worked out a separate deal with the Army to have the Reserves vacate the land.

Col. Mike McCafferty, the 96th Army Reserve Command's deputy chief of staff, said the solution satisfied military concerns. The Reserves had been reluctant to move unless their new location served them just as well as the Fort Douglas site. The state's offer to move them to Camp Williams on the Salt Lake-Utah County line did not go over well.

But with the temporary site in

"This is a great milestone for the Organizing Committee," said SLOC senior vice president Dave Johnson, whose responsibilities include the Olympic Village. Next up is finalizing a contract between SLOC and the U. over the details organizers must have within the complex — such as the specific dates of use, the layout of a transportation hub, and the size and location of common areas and the cafeteria.

"Most issues have been resolved," Johnson said. "We're getting the final documents together."

The whole goal, added SLOC President Frank Joklik, is to give athletes accommodations that will enable them to "live up to their

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